

**New Shoreham Motor Vehicles for Hire Commission Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
8:30 a.m.**

Present: Brad Marthens, Vincent J. McAloon, Connie LaRue and Geoffrey Lawrence. Monica Hull Shea was absent. Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

Chair Vin McAloon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Discussion of proposed Rules and Regulations

Discussion of license transfers. The practice does not completely reflect the ordinance.

TNS 8-163-(b) says: "Upon the death of a licensee, the license shall be canceled. Within 30 days after the death of a licensee, his or her license shall become available to the next qualified applicant, provided, however, that if the decedent's legally married spouse applies for the cancelled license within 30 days of the death of the licensee, the spouse, if qualified, shall be entitled to receive the license..."

The last time a licensee died during the summer the taxi stayed on the road until the transfer was completed. The death occurred on August 23 and the surviving spouse kept the taxi operating on the road until the license was transferred September 21. Commission members present said they thought a taxi should be allowed to continue operating because a surviving spouse may be depending on the income from the taxi. The issue will be discussed with the attorney at the April 17, 2013 meeting.

2. Act on Application for wait list position

Jordan Ryan submitted five years of income tax returns showing his Block Island address. He has been a registered voter since 1998. He has yet to submitted a statement that he is of good moral character and a copy of his drivers license.

Ayes: 4 (McAloon, Marthens, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hull Shea)

Ms. LaRue moved to add Mr. Ryan to the taxi wait list upon completion of the necessary documentation, which must be done by the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

3. Letter of James Rondinone re: sales tax and fare increase

Jim Rondinone and Mike Shea were present. It appears taxi fares are subject to state sales tax and tours will be exempt.

- Mr. Rondinone said the Town was due for a fare increase because rates had stayed the same since 2008, although gasoline and insurance costs increased
- Discussion of absorbing costs in rates ('tax is included')
- Discussion of raising zone rates

- Discussion of adjusting dirt road charges
- Discussion of 'commuter card' for taxi frequent flyers

Jim Rondinone went on record as being in favor of raising rates
Mike Shea is opposed to raising rates

4. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2013

Ms. Larue moved, seconded by Mr. Marthens, to approve the minutes of Mary 12, 2013.

Ayes: 4 (McAloon, Marthens, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hull Shea)

At 9:30 a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Ms. LaRue.

Ayes: 4 (McAloon, Marthens, LaRue, Lawrence) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Hull Shea)

Respectfully submitted

Fiona Fitzpatrick